

# Science Highlights

**THEORY FRONTIER**

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# HEP Theory

unifies the frontiers of particle physics

lays the foundations for future experiments

connects to gravity, cosmology, astrophysics, nuclear physics, condensed matter, AMO, computer science, statistics, data science, mathematics

Fundamental Theory

Phenomenology

central to the motivation, analysis, and interpretation of experiments

interconnected scientific ecosystem closely aligned with experiment

advances our understanding of Nature in regimes that experiment cannot (yet) reach

responsive:  
propose new directions based on data  
propose/guide new experiments  
develop new analysis tools

Computational Theory

incorporates new perspectives (QI, ML) and computational technologies to extend the boundaries of our knowledge

**TF01** Holography (AdS/CFT) + QI (entanglement entropy)

Quantum Error Correction

black hole information paradox

X. Dong

**TF02** new EFTs for DM, GWs, CM; SMEFT  $\Rightarrow$  new applications

fundamental principles (symmetries, naturalness, unitarity, analyticity, causality,...)

new tools

P. Draper + K. Zhang

**TF04**

Leverage advanced QFT methods for state-of-the-art gravitational wave predictions

Z. Bern + E. Herrman + M. Solon

**TF03**

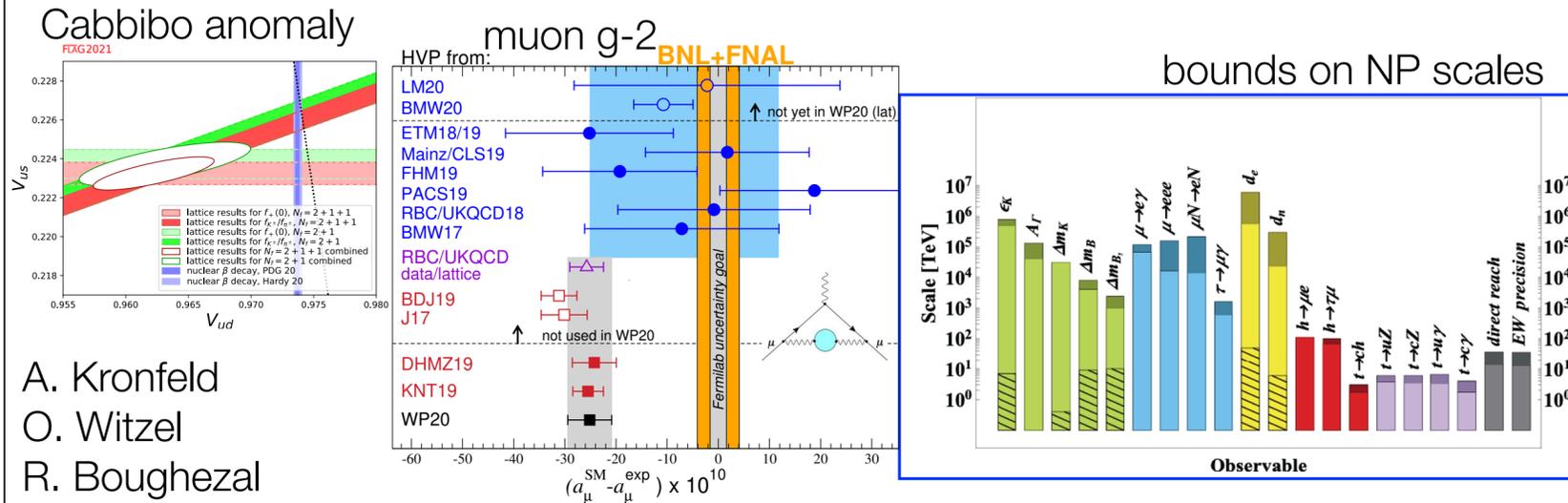
Bootstrap = the use of symmetry and other principles (unitarity/positivity, crossing) to constrain or determine a physical quantity.

CFT 4-pt fn =

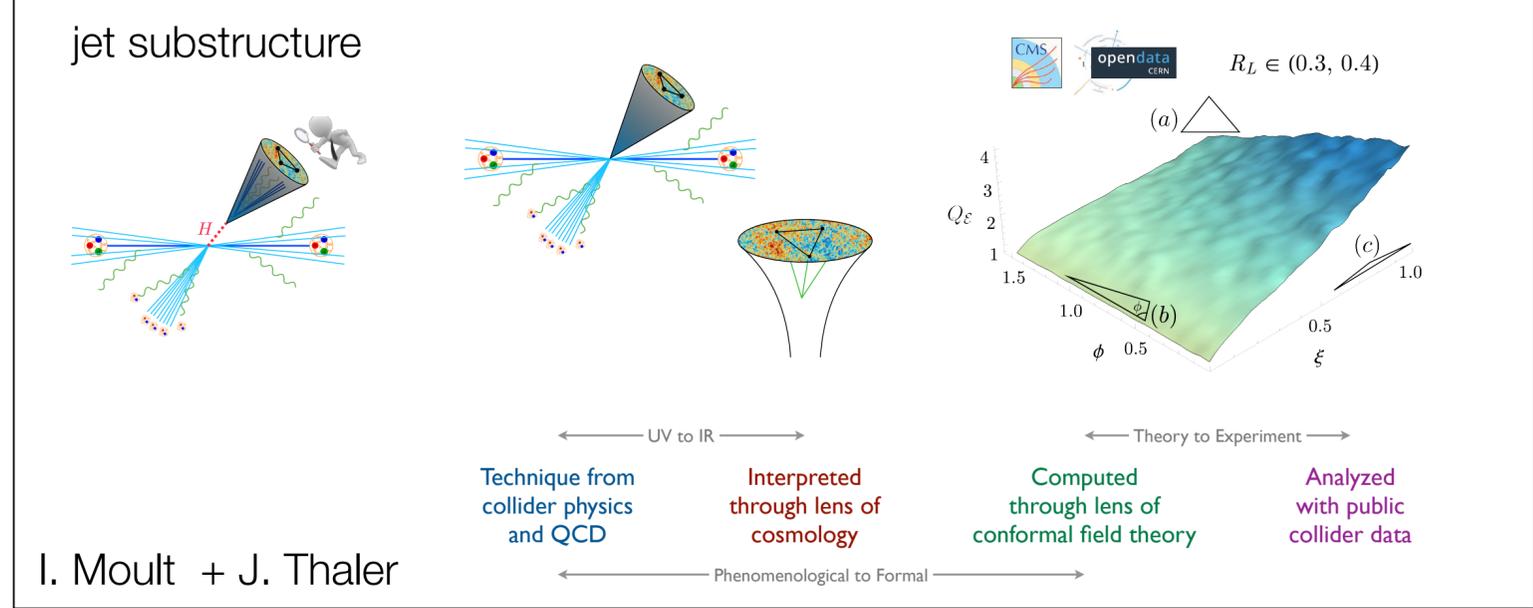
bootstrapping quantum gravity

S. Pufu

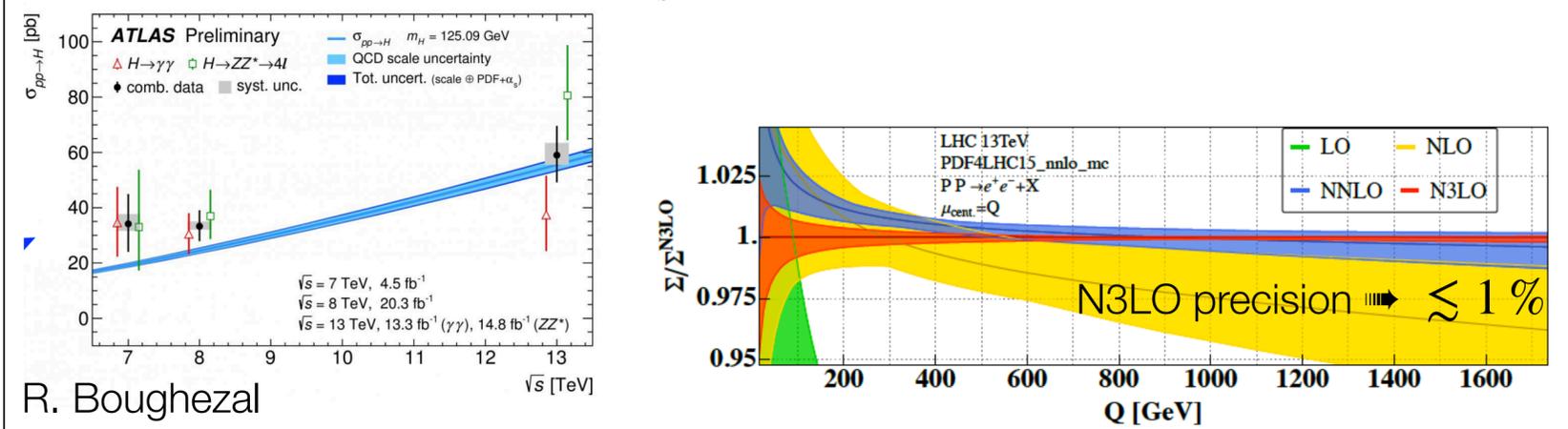
**TF05/06** precision SM theory for flavor physics (EFT + loops + lattice QCD)  
 BSM constraints .. or discovery



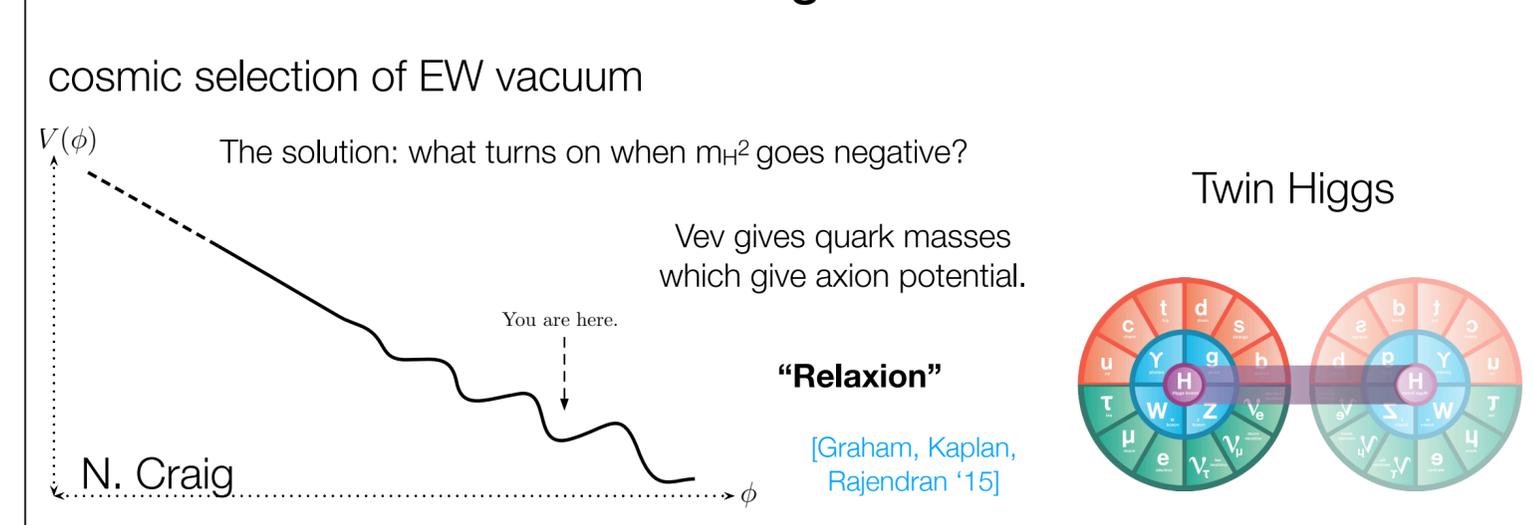
**TF07** new observables, multi-point correlators leveraging ML/AI, computational theory, connections to fundamental theory



**TF06** precision SM theory for collider physics (EFT + loops + PDFs+generators)  
 SM tests  $\lesssim 1\%$  ... or discovery



**TF08** new paradigms: hidden sectors, new symmetries, split spectra, neutral naturalness, ...  
 new search strategies and constraints

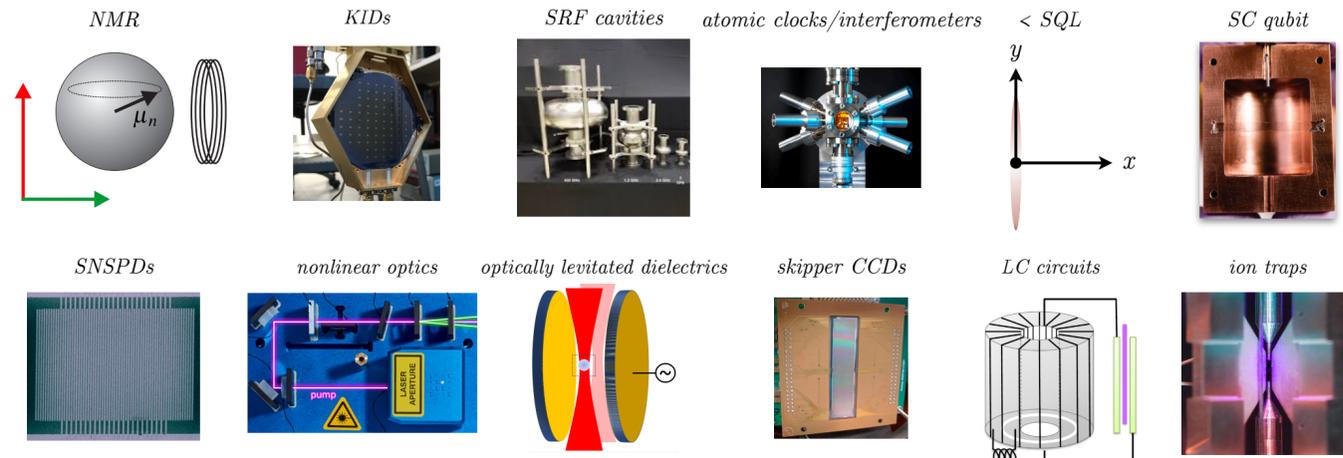


# Phenomenology



TF09/10

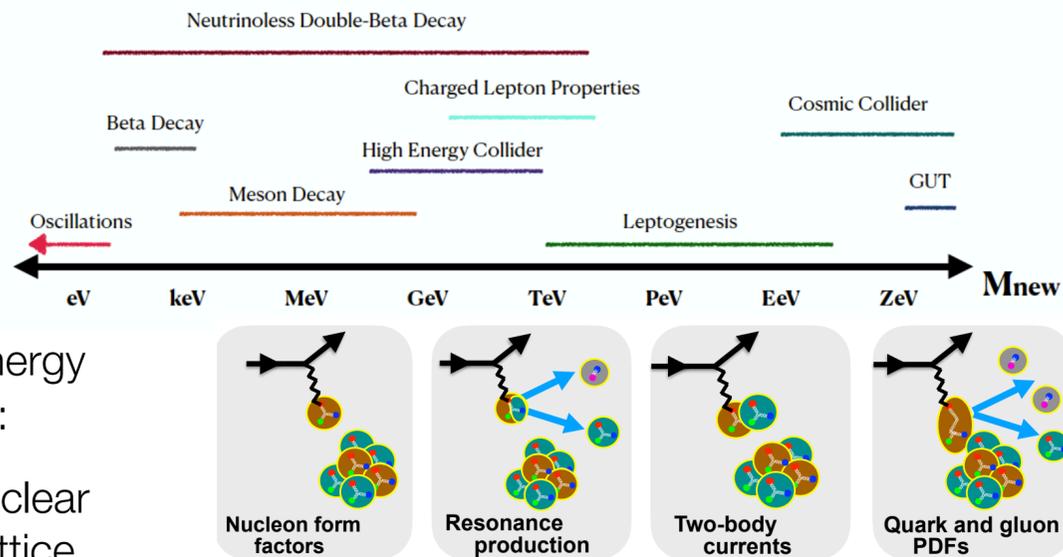
pursue new physics discoveries with new technologies for new experiments



A. Berlin

TF11

$\nu$  new mass scale:  
explore the space of  
BSM theories



A. de Gouvêa+ M. Wagman

$\nu$  cross sections across all energy scales in the SM and beyond:

broad program combining nuclear many body theory + EFT + lattice QCD + pQCD + generators

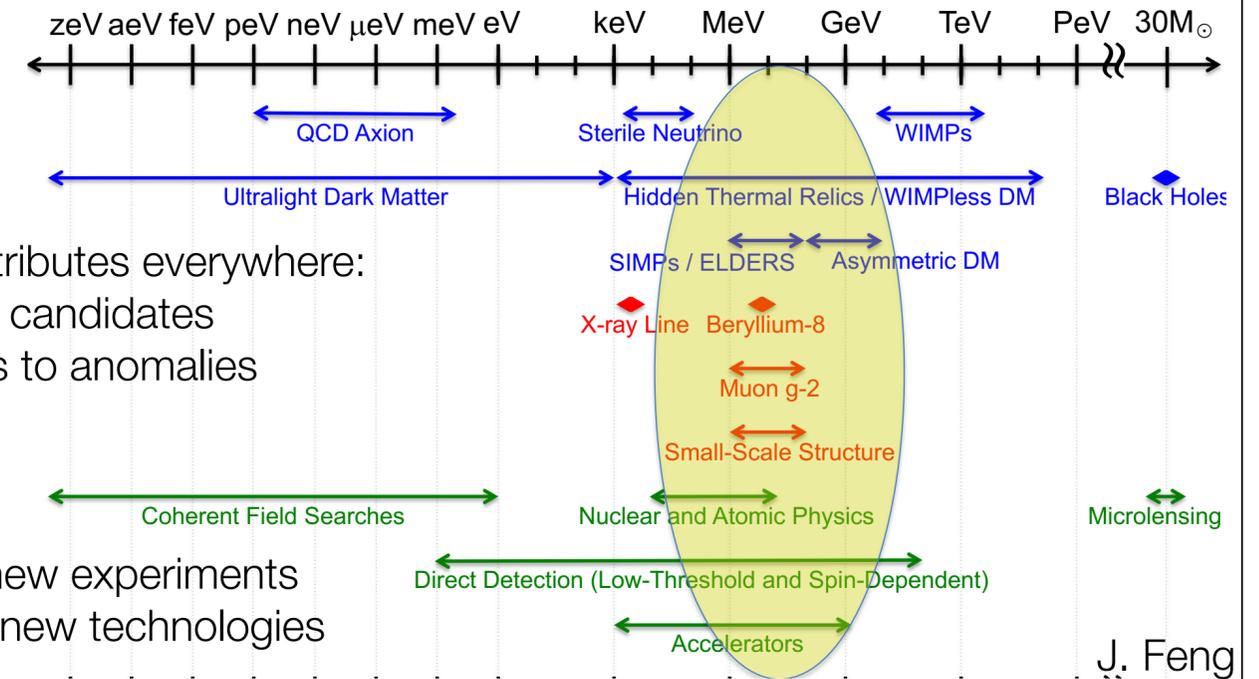
TF08/09

Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques

DM

Theory contributes everywhere:  
Dark sector candidates  
connections to anomalies

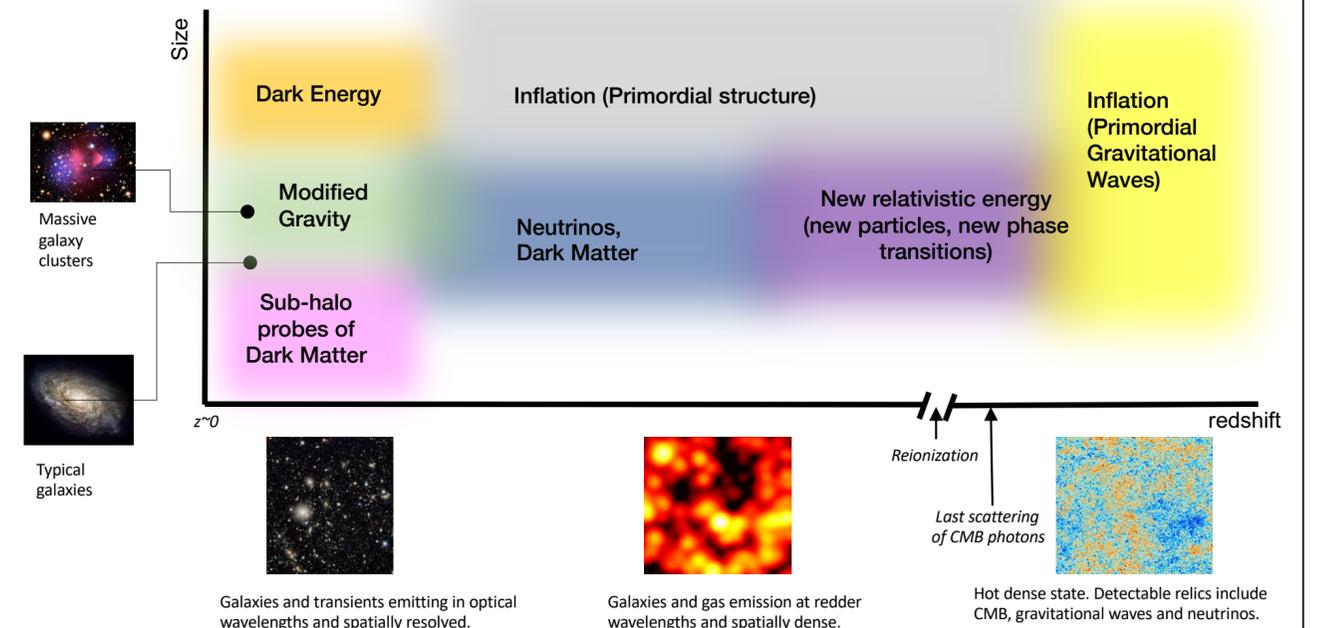
proposing new experiments  
enabled by new technologies



J. Feng

TF09

Fundamental theory (bootstrap, EFT, ...) + computational theory + cosmology + observation



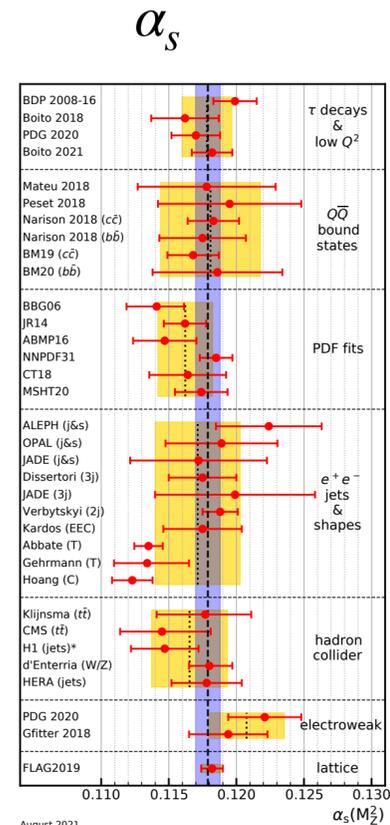
D. Green

# Computational Theory

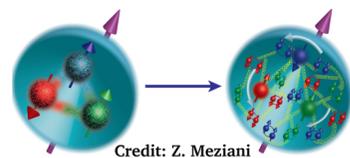


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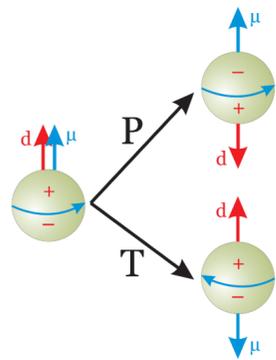
Lattice QCD: expanding the scope from precision to complexity



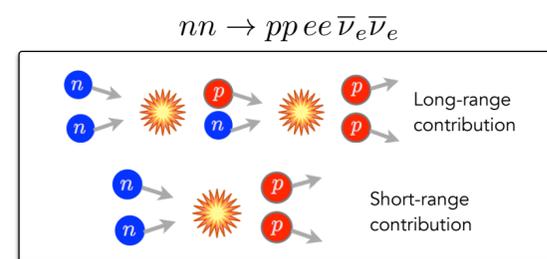
x-dependent PDFs



nucleon MEs (gA, nEDM,...)



multi-nucleon matrix elements



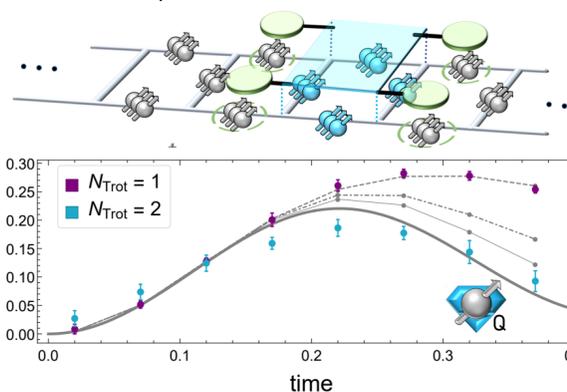
• Lattice calculations as a “numerical laboratory” push the boundaries of our knowledge of strongly-coupled physics - e.g. holography tests in N=4 SYM

Z. Davoudi + A. Kronfeld + E. Neil + M. Wagman

TF10

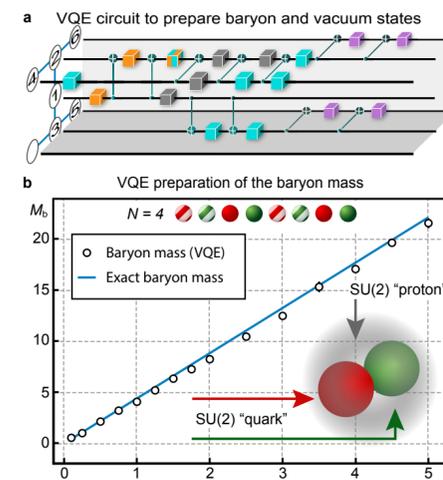
Quantum simulations on NISQ hardware: developing the infrastructure

Real-time dynamic of pure SU(2) with global irreps on IBM



S. Catterall + N. Klco + Z. Davoudi

Low-lying spectrum of SU(2) with matter in 1+1 D on IBM

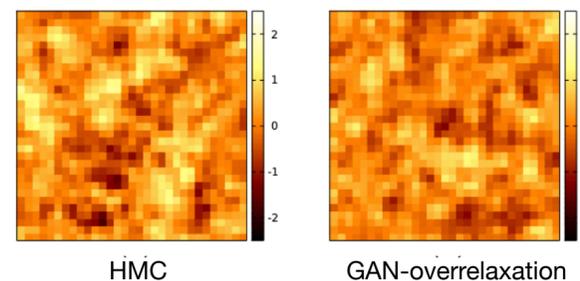
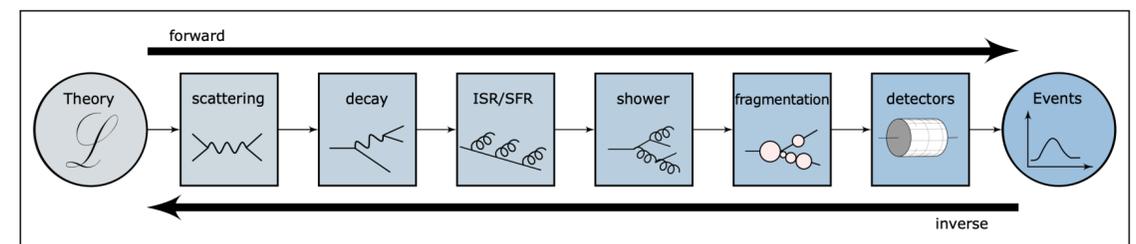


Tensor Networks

Discrete holography

ML/AI

The importance of ML for Collider Physics.



- development of new ML methods for gauge theory generation
- applications to observables

Z. Davoudi+C. Krause



| Topical Group |   | Topical Group Conveners |                   |                  |                |
|---------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>TF01</b>   | String theory, quantum gravity, black holes | Daniel Harlow           | Shamit Kachru     | Juan Maldacena   |                |
| <b>TF02</b>   | Effective field theory techniques           | Patrick Draper          | Ira Rothstein     |                  |                |
| <b>TF03</b>   | CFT and formal QFT                          | David Poland            | Leonardo Rastelli |                  |                |
| <b>TF04</b>   | Scattering amplitudes                       | Zvi Bern                | Jaroslav Trnka    |                  |                |
| <b>TF05</b>   | Lattice gauge theory                        | Zohreh Davoudi          | Taku Izubuchi     | Ethan Neil       |                |
| <b>TF06</b>   | Theory techniques for precision physics     | Radja Boughezal         | Zoltan Ligeti     |                  |                |
| <b>TF07</b>   | Collider phenomenology                      | Fabio Maltoni           | Shufang Su        | Jesse Thaler     |                |
| <b>TF08</b>   | BSM model building                          | Patrick Fox             | Graham Kribs      | Hitoshi Murayama |                |
| <b>TF09</b>   | Astro-particle physics and cosmology        | Dan Green               | Joshua Ruderman   | Ben Safdi        | Jessie Shelton |
| <b>TF10</b>   | Quantum information science                 | Simon Catterall         | Roni Harnik       | Veronika Hubeny  |                |
| <b>TF11</b>   | Theory of Neutrino Physics                  | André de Gouvêa         | Irina Mocioiu     | Saori Pastore    | Louis Strigari |

138 Snowmass  
White Papers  
submitted to TF!

# Thank you!

Early Career  
Rotating

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|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Liaisons</b>                             | <b>Accelerator</b><br>Lian-Tao Wang (U Chicago) | <b>Community Engagement</b><br>Devin Walker (Dartmouth)                                     | <b>Computational</b><br>Steven Gottlieb (Indiana U)                |
| <b>Cosmic</b><br>Flip Tanedo (UC Riverside) | <b>Energy</b><br>Laura Reina (Florida State U)  | <b>Neutrino Physics</b><br>Irina Mocioiu (Penn State U) & Kaladi S. Babu (Oklahoma State U) | <b>Rare Processes and Precision</b><br>Alexey Petrov (Wayne State) |